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Saturday Vigil (St. Joseph) 5:15 pm
Sunday 11:00 am
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 8:00 am
Wednesday 12:10 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Or by appointment.

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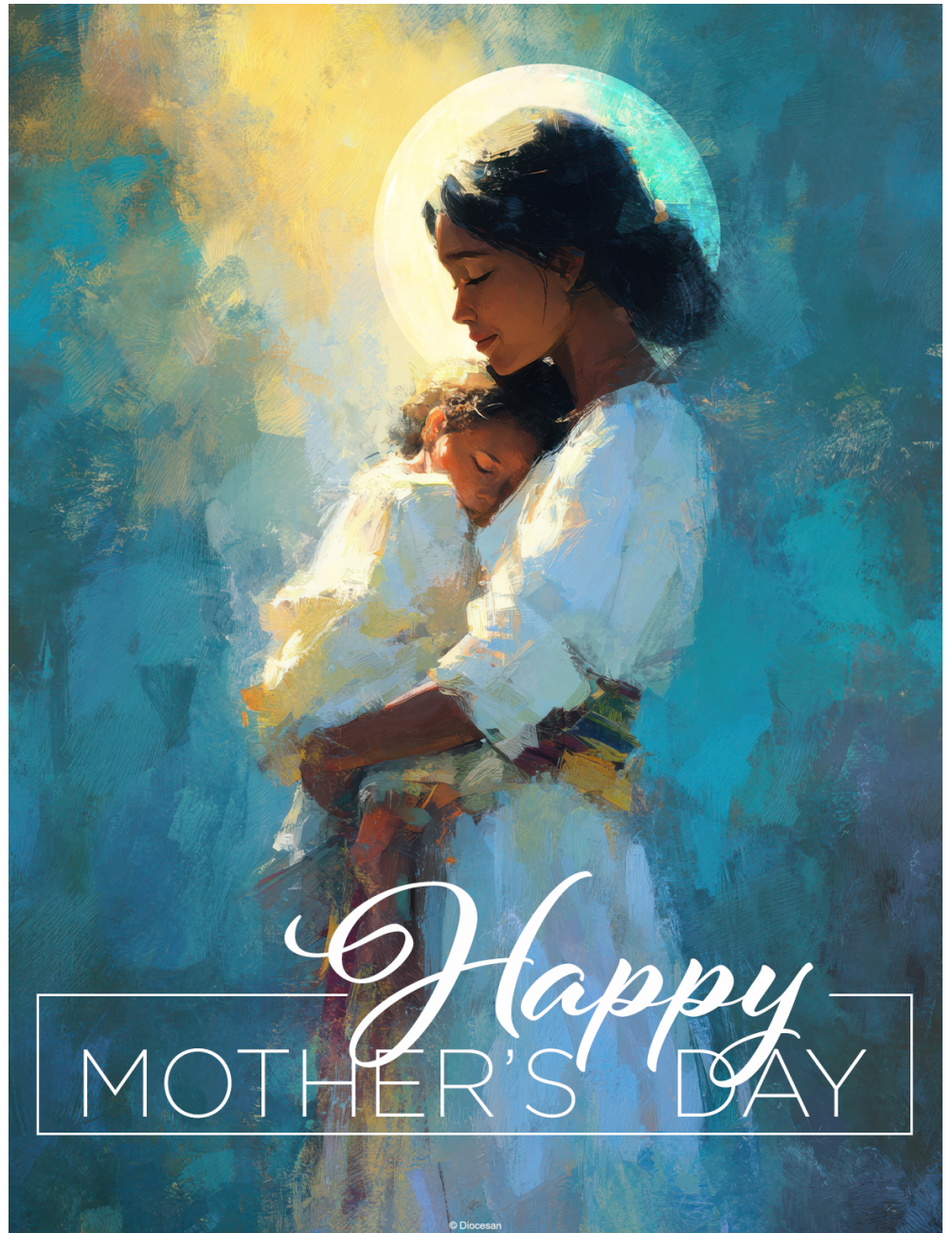
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A mother

who loves her God and lives her faith is a blessing to her children.

*All thy children should be taught of the Lord;
and great shall be the peace of thy children.*

Isaiah 54:13



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,



Happy Mother's Day! Today we honor those women who sacrifice so much so that their children can be safe, happy, healthy, holy and

successful. The Masses this weekend are offered for the intentions of our mothers, especially those whose names were written on the Mother's Day envelopes and returned to the parish over the past few weeks. I would like to express my particular gratitude to my own mother, as well as my maternal grandmother, my godmother, and my many aunts whose support and love I am so grateful for. My paternal grandmother, unfortunately, died before I was born. I still pray often for the repose of her soul, as I do for my many other family members who have left this world. May God bless all of our mothers this weekend!

As we would never neglect to honor our mothers, grandmothers and godmothers on Mothers' Day, nor should we forget to honor our Blessed Mother. Today would be a good day to express our thanks to Mary for saying yes to God's call and thus bringing Jesus into the world. The frequent recitation of the rosary is not only an appropriate way to honor the Blessed Mother, but also a fail-safe way to ensure that we always remain close to her son, Jesus.

This upcoming Thursday is Ascension Thursday. It is a holy day of obligation. Ascension Thursday occurs precisely 40 days after Easter. It commemorates the day on which our Lord, after having commissioned the Apostles, ascended into heaven to take his throne at the right hand

of God the Father. Before our Lord ascended to the Father, he told his disciples to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Their prayers were answered nine days later on Pentecost Sunday. This period of time is considered the first novena (9 days of prayer). Below you can find a prayer to say during each day of this novena.

**In Christ,
Fr. Power**

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

To be prayed from Friday, May 15,
to Saturday, May 23

O Lord Jesus Christ who, before ascending into heaven, promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your apostles and disciples, be pleased to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that he may perfect in my soul the work of your grace and love. Grant me the spirit of wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the spirit of understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth; the spirit of counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the spirit of fortitude that I may bear my cross with you and that I may overcome all obstacles that oppose my salvation; the spirit of knowledge that I may know God and know myself in him; the spirit of piety that I may find the service of God sweet and pleasurable; the spirit of fear of the Lord that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to offend him. Animate me in all things with your spirit. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ford Bartle, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson.
Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Adele Ontko, Ed Doughty, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Joe Biro, Ed Gursky Jr., Chuck H., Walter Zuhosky, Lisa Dawson, Dennis Staul, Carol Thomas, Levi Bowser, Ken Smerek, Liam Rueberger, Mike Yazvac, Jerome Jurenovich, Joe Ference, Barbara LeMon, Justine Pacsi Deane, Gary Koch, Carla Flannery, Joann Sangregorio, Colin Pryts.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of May 10

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 11

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Loretta Krutsch
(Stacey Basile)

Tuesday, May 12

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Melanie Giordano
(Mom & Dad)

Wednesday, May 13

† 12:10 pm • St. Joseph
Bill and Dorothy Ogg
(Frank & Karen Connelly)

Thursday, May 14

The Ascension of the Lord
† 8:00 am • St. Anthony
Special Intention

†12:10 pm • St. Joseph

Barbara Wareham
(Windy)

† 7:00 pm • St. Joseph

Robert S. Mayo
(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Weiner Family)

Friday, May 15

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
John A. Nigborowicz
(John Nigborowicz)

Saturday, May 16

† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph
Living Members of St. Joseph
and St. Anthony Parishes

Sunday, May 17

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Josephine Roth
(Patricia Telega)

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph

Jim Cleary
(Sue Cleary)

ALTAR FLOWERS

St. Joseph • Week of May 10

Altar Flowers are donated in honor and in memory of **All Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

St. Joseph • Week of May 10

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Joseph Church is lit for in memory of **Barbara Wareham** from Patty and Bill Dodd.

ALTAR CANDLES

St. Anthony • Week of May 10

The Sanctuary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for **Cecelia Mikota** from daughter Frances.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for **Anita and Alice Ference** from Joe Ference.

The St. Anthony Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for **Margie Gasparec** from daughter Dolores and family.

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2027 Mass Intention Book will open on Monday, May 24. A few things to remember when reserving Mass Intentions. As you know, our weekend Mass availability is limited across both parishes. Therefore, we can only permit one Sunday Mass Intention per person per year. The weekday Mass Intentions are not limited.

To ensure fairness due to high demand, Mass Intentions are booked on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$10 stipend is customary, payable when scheduling. To reserve a Mass Intention for either St. Joseph or St. Anthony parishes, please stop by the St. Joseph Church office during office hours or call us to make other arrangements.

WEEKLY REMINDERS

For the Week of May 10

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday • St. Joseph

7:00 AM Adoration-Chapel

Sunday, May 10 • St. Joseph

7:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, May 14 • St. Joseph

10:30 AM Adult Faith Formation-Choir Room



ST. JOSEPH

FOOD PANTRY

Featured Item: "Boxed Potatoes"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Canned fruit * Cereal * Peanut Butter

For qualified individuals, May Food Pantry distribution dates are May 1 and 15 from 9:30-11:00 AM.

Women's Guild
Spring Luncheon

The St. Joseph Women's Guild is having their Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 19, at 12:00 PM at the Hermitage VFW. We will be ordering off the menu. Please try to attend!

ST. ANTHONY

THANK YOU for YOUR MEMORIAL GIFT: Gary & MA Kleinfelder, Greg Pendel, Joanne Schell, Sandy McFarland & Mike Ferencik to St. Anthony Building & Grounds in memory of John Kiefer. The Mesin Family to St. Anthony Church in memory of Fr. John Hindman.

IN APPRECIATION: Thank you to Ruth & Glen Pettey who donated flowers at the statue of Mary in memory of Ruth's mother Jennie Timko.

Round
2

**ST. ANTHONY
CLEAN UP DAY**

JOIN US FOR CLEAN UP DAY: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH ROUND 2 OF THE ANTONIUM ON SATURDAY, MAY 30TH, AT 9 AM. PLEASE BRING YOUR BUCKETS AND RAGS.

BAKE Sale

After Masses the weekend of May 16th & 17th

Bake sale items include:
The Women's Guild Famous Bread and Cherry Cheese Pies for \$10. Also available are assorted cookies and other baked goods.

Baked goods donations are welcome and appreciated. Drop your donations off by Friday, May 15, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm in the Guild Hall.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
May 13**

I recently listened to an audio version of the book *Heaven is for Real*. I will not go into the amazing experience this young boy went through, but I will share what he repeated over and over to his parents following the ordeal: "Jesus loves children... Jesus really loves the little children... Jesus loves children so much!!" This is made evident by the repeated Marian apparitions three Portuguese children experienced in 1917. Jesus sent his Mother to Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, to ask them to pray the rosary for world peace, an end to World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia. Our Lady also confided in them three secrets, which were revealed publicly at different times. These apparitions were approved by the local bishop in 1930, at which time they began celebrating her feast day in Portugal. It was added to the calendar of the Catholic Church worldwide in 2002. May Our Lady's words continue to touch the hearts of God's beloved children and motivate us to pray the rosary frequently, begging our Lord for world peace and the conversion of sinners.



—Tami Urcia

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BULLETIN NOTICE: You may have noticed a few changes or the overall look to our bulletin. The program used to create the bulletin for many, many years is soon retiring. With the help of our bulletin publisher, Diocesan, we have selected new software for bulletin designs. Diocesan created a new baseline template to use in the new program. Please bear with the upcoming bulletins as we adjust to the new software.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Offertory for the Weekend of May 3

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory	\$2,573
Good Shepherd Collection	\$358
# of Envelopes Returned	63 of 148
CSA Goal	\$17,603
Pledged	\$14,612

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$8,182
Online Giving	\$310
Budgeted Offertory	\$7,769
Surplus.....	\$723
Good Shepherd	\$1,649
# of Envelopes Returned	179 of 598
CSA Goal	\$55,974
Pledged.....	\$74,115

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – MAY 16/17

St. Joseph • Vigil 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector	P. Lozano
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	D. Dach, S. Messina, Volunteer
Altar Server	A. Jordan
Greeter	R. & S. Axtell
Ushers	J. Charles, B. Clarke, P. Messina, P. Dach

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector	M. Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	J. Gunesch, M.A. Kleinfelder
Altar Server	R. Radkowski
Offertory Counters.....	Group 2

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector	S. Swogger
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	S. Cleary, P. Emery, M. B. Jones, C. McKnight, S. Missory
Altar Servers	O. Haroldson, A. Haroldson
Greeter	B. Anzevino
Ushers	V. Donatelli, J. Stephenson, M. Smith, R. Warrender

CAMP I AM

I AM...

wonderfully made
(Ps 139:14);
a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19);
girded with strength
(Ps 18:39)...

I AM...

a member of the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27);
a fisher of men (Matt 4:19);
a tiller and keeper of creation (Gen 2:15)...

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*May the Lord bless you
with love and happiness on
Mother's Day and always.*

In Memory of	By
<i>Elaine Anderson</i>	<i>Jim & Lynn Anderson</i>
<i>Bonnie Allen, Carol Lewis</i>	<i>Bryon & Kim Anzevino</i>
<i>Patricia Wasko</i>	<i>Terry Baker</i>
<i>Lottie Wlodarski</i>	<i>Colleen Beil</i>
<i>Rita Bateman, Becky Reese</i>	<i>Peggy Bosnjak</i>
<i>Rosalie DiGiorgio, Rosalia Caruso</i>	<i>Betty DiGiorgio</i>
<i>Barbara Wareham</i>	<i>Bill & Patty Dodd</i>
<i>Mariam Dunn</i>	<i>Cindy Dunn</i>
<i>Violette Fleming, Lisa Hamilton</i>	<i>Paula Emery</i>
<i>Thelma Varsho, Amelia Valentino</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Gerrie Derr</i>	<i>Jill Fox</i>
<i>Garda Elberty, Tess McCallen</i>	<i>Ira & Karen Frazer Family</i>
<i>Ida Fromm</i>	<i>Chuck Fromm</i>
<i>Melanie Giordano</i>	<i>Janet & Tony Giordano</i>
<i>Rosemary Gorzo, Margaret Armstrong</i>	<i>Karen Gorzo</i>
<i>Helen Headley, Judy Birkumshaw, Jean Darmody, Liz Headley</i>	<i>John Headley</i>
<i>Gerry Ellen Jones</i>	<i>Dennis R. Jones</i>
<i>Elizabeth Necastro</i>	<i>Elizabeth Jordan</i>
<i>Carole Kish</i>	<i>Chuck & Pam Kish</i>
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<i>Elizabeth H. Kurpe, Mary Kuester</i>	<i>Suzanne & Thomas Kuester</i>
<i>Mariam Dunn</i>	<i>Rosemary Lehman</i>
<i>Angelina LoScalzo</i>	<i>Chris & Linda Lucas</i>
<i>Lois McLaughlin</i>	<i>Chuck & Joe McLaughlin</i>
<i>Marlene Messina</i>	<i>Mary Messina</i>
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<i>Beatrice Miller</i>	<i>Mary Miller</i>
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<i>Mary 'Sis' McCann Hnida</i>	<i>Jeanne Rotunno</i>

In Memory of**By***Mary A. Schimp, H. K. Han**Young Schimp**Margaret Saneto, Mary Sentelik, Congetta Rich, Dolores Pascale, Cindy Mosley**Congetta Sentelik**Frances Quinlisk, Virginia Shaffer**Judy & Rich Shaffer**Letha Axtell, Yolanda Stabile**Mark & Bonnie Stabile**Anna Marie Trenga**James, Tina & Julia Trenga**Tillie Klein, Gwen Turzak**Judy Valdine**Dolores Ranelli**Lori & Bob Vasconi**Mary Wiesen**Alice Wiesen**Mariam Dunn, Joyce Young**Paulette Young***In Honor of****By***Ruth Palmer**Lynn & Jim Anderson**Marlene Smith**Colleen Beil**Sara, Faye & Laila**Peggy Bosnjak**Paula Emery**Margo, Lisa and Cari Cohen**Kathy Vorisek, Sherry Bowser**Tonya Dent**Cari Cohen, Margo Haroldson**Paula Emery**Colleen Ghirardi, Rena Omerzo, Kimberly Ghirardi**Paula Ghirardi**Pat Looney**Janet & Tony Giordano**Kitty Liber**Chuck & Pam Kish**Ruth Palmer**Francine Metz**Elizabeth Jordan**Augustus Necastro**Becky Smeraglia**Frank Smeraglia**Hannah Vasconi**Lori & Bob Vasconi***Monetary Donation***Donald & Lynn McClafferty*

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